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## Fears extremists will target hit show



# TERROR COPS GUARD CELEB BIG BROTHER HOUSE



By SIMON DEAN

**ARMED** officers are secretly guarding the *Celeb Big Bro* house – in case terrorists try to target it for a “spectacular” attack.

With several high-profile contestants – including Fern Britton, Louis Walsh and Princess Kate’s Uncle Gary Goldsmith – taking part in the ITV show, producers fear the filming location could be seen as irresistible for extremists.

A source told us: “The *Celebrity Big Brother* house is such a tempting target.”

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# Russian ship in Black Sea drone attack

A RUSSIAN patrol ship has been damaged after being attacked by sea drones in the Black Sea, Ukrainian intelligence claims.

The Sergei Kotov, which was launched in 2021, was allegedly hit in the early hours of yesterday.

Ukraine's military intelligence service said the Black Sea fleet ship suffered damage to the stern as well as right and left sides.

Although the Kremlin is yet to comment, some Russian pro-war bloggers confirmed the attack.

Ukrainian intelligence official Andrii Yusov told the RFERL broadcaster that sailors on board had been killed and injured.

The Sergei Kotov is said to have played a part in the attack on Snake Island on the first day of the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, along with the Moskva cruiser – which was sunk by Ukraine.

# Hamas DID use sexual violence

A UN team has concluded there are "reasonable grounds to believe" sexual violence, including rape and gang rape, was committed during the Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7.

They also said there was "convincing information" that hostages suffered sexual violence.

The trip was led by Pramila Patten, the UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Hamas has denied any of its terrorists sexually assaulted women during the attacks, which left 1,200 people dead and 253 taken hostage.



# As Labour minister says patriotic song is 'alienating'... WILL LABOUR BAN RULE, BRITANNIA!?

**FEARS** grew last night that Labour could BAN the song *Rule, Britannia!* after the party's culture spokeswoman called it "alienating".

Thangam Debbonaire described the patriotic anthem as "not my favourite bit of music" and said there should be a "good debate" about its performance at the Last Night of the Proms.

The BBC faced a backlash in 2020 over a plan to perform the composition without any lyrics in the wake of the Black Lives

Matter movement – which was sparked by an American career criminal dying while being arrested.

Woke prodnoses have long said *Rule, Britannia!* has some uncomfortable associations with slavery and colonialism.

Sheku Kanneh-Mason, the cellist, reignited the debate in January after arguing it should be axed from the Last Night because it made "a lot of people" feel "uncomfortable".

Asked about those comments, Ms Debbonaire

told the Spectator's Women with Balls podcast: "It's not my favourite bit of music. The Proms is a fantastic institution and the world's greatest music festival..."

"I think it's a decision for the people who run the Proms and again, like I said, it shouldn't be politicians who tell people how to run cultural events."

"I think for a lot of people that feels like a very sort of British moment – which I think has to be respected as well – but for a lot of people it will feel alienating."



NOT A FAN: Thangam Debbonaire



# Call for King to put right slavery past

EX-British colonies in the West Indies say "now is the time" for the King to say sorry for his ancestral involvement in the slave trade.

Campaigners are demanding King Charles (above) apologise and makes reparations this year.

In recent years, the reparations movement in the Caribbean has grown in strength, led by the Caricom Reparations Commission – made up of 20 member nations and states.

The Commission's vice-chair, Eric Phillips, said: "The King has an opportunity to not only apologise, but to have time to create the architecture of change and the architecture of negotiation that could move things forward."

In 2023, the King told Commonwealth leaders: "I cannot describe the depths of my personal sorrow at the suffering of so many, as I continue to deepen my own understanding of slavery's enduring impact."

Meanwhile, Prince William said on a visit to Jamaica in 2022: "Slavery was abhorrent and should never have happened."

**Greggs profit still on a roll**

HIGH street bakery chain Greggs has announced a 27% hike in full-year profits, but revealed slowing sales growth.

The group reported pre-tax profits of £188m in 2023, up from £148m the previous year after like-for-like sales in company-managed shops rose 13.7%.

On an underlying basis, pre-tax profits lifted 13.1% to £167m.

It saw sales growth slow to 9.4% in the final three months of the year as there was less contribution from price inflation.

The group added that comparable store sales growth has slowed further, to 8.2% in the first nine weeks of 2024.



TRYING TO PROTECT MOTORISTS: Jeremy Hunt

# Chancellor plans 5p Budget petrol bribe as Tories face poll wipeout...

# DOES HE THINK WE'RE FUELS?



**DESPERATE** Jeremy Hunt is to extend a 5p cut in fuel duty for another year as he seeks to calm Tory jitters of a wipeout at the general election.

Whitehall sources say the Chancellor will protect motorists in today's Budget in a bid to show that the Government is "on the side of ordinary motorists".

In a £5billion package for drivers, fuel duty will be frozen for the 14th consecutive year and a "temporary" 5p cut in the rate will be extended for another 12 months.

Budget planning was

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derailed last week when the Office for Budget Responsibility ruled that the Chancellor's tax-cutting proposals were "unaffordable".

Mr Hunt is expected to confirm a 2p cut in personal taxes to demonstrate that the Conservatives are serious about reducing a tax burden that has risen to a peacetime record in the wake of the pandemic and energy crisis.

But future public spending will be squeezed and a string of smaller tax rises will come in to help pay for the package.

The political importance of a Budget breakthrough for the Tories was underlined this week when a poll put the party on a record low rating of just 20 percent.

The Ipsos Mori survey gave Labour a 27-point lead, and if the figures were repeated at a general election, the Tories could be left with just 25 seats.

**Traditions**

Senior Tories acknowledge that the Budget may be one of the last opportunities to show the voting public that they have returned to their tax-cutting traditions.

To help balance the cost of the Budget package, Mr Hunt

will trim future public spending plans by £5billion and raise a string of smaller taxes, which could include extending the windfall tax on North Sea oil and gas, a new tax on vaping, higher taxes on smoking, raising air passenger duty on business flights, and cutting tax breaks for second home owners.

But there will be no new money for defence – despite threats from Russia and the Middle East crisis.

The 5p cut in fuel duty was introduced by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak in 2022 after oil prices were sent soaring by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

It was meant to last for just a year but was renewed again last March.

# TODAY'S WEATHER

**WEDNESDAY** kicks off with early fog and mist for many parts of the UK – lingering until late morning in some areas.

The rest of the day brings longer sunny spells and milder weather with a slight risk of light showers in the far east.

Temperatures of 9C in London and in Cardiff, 10C in Manchester and

**THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK**

FRI SAT SUN

in Belfast, and 5C in Edinburgh.

Thursday sees almost identical conditions, with temperatures of 10C in London, 9C in Cardiff, in Manchester and Belfast, and 6C in Edinburgh.

OUTLOOK: Decent!

# NEW CAR FEB HITS 20-YEAR HIGH

The new car market recorded its strongest February in 20 years, new figures show.

Nearly 85,000 new cars were registered last month – up of 14% on February 2023, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

That's the highest February total since 2004 when more than 91,000 new cars were registered.

February is a low-volume month for sales ahead of the introduction of new number plates on March 1, which sparks a surge in purchases.

The SMMT reiterated its plea for "fairer" taxation of electric vehicles ahead of today's Budget, as private uptake continues to struggle.

Private buyers accounted for just 18.2% of new battery electric

vehicles registered in the first two months of this year, with the overall 21.3% increase in demand entirely sustained by fleets due to tax incentives.

The SMMT is urging Chancellor Jeremy Hunt to halve VAT on the purchase of new EVs, amend plans to introduce vehicle excise duty for EVs, and reduce VAT on public charging to bring it into line with home charging.

Chief executive Mike Hawes said: "The Budget is an opportunity to ensure that growth is greener."





**Alice Bleu**  
34DD-24-34, from Brighton

## Countries clash over Yank singer

# TAYLOR SWIFT SPARKS WAR!

LASHING OUT: Joey Salceda and (right) Taylor



### SINGAPORE and the Philippines are close to all-out WAR – over Taylor Swift!

A Philippine lawmaker has lashed out at Singapore over an exclusivity deal it brokered with Taylor to prevent the 34-year-old pop star taking her Eras Tour to other countries in Southeast Asia.

As the *Bad Blood* hit-maker geared up to headline six sold-out shows in Singapore starting last Saturday, Philippino Joey Salceda asked his country's Department of Foreign Affairs to formally protest her camp's reported arrangement with Singapore.

In diplomatic circles, it's seen as a precursor to armed conflict and it's feared other nations in Southeast Asia – also snubbed by the Taylor tour – could join in any conflict.

"This isn't what good neighbours do," Salceda said in a statement.

Reports of an alleged exclusivity deal came after Thai PM Srettha Thavasin said concert promoter Anschutz Entertainment Group told him the Singapore government had offered Swift's camp up to \$3m

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for each concert there – as long as she didn't tour other Southeast Asia countries.

"Some \$3m in grants were allegedly given by Singapore to AEG to host the concert there. The catch was that they do not host it elsewhere in the region. If true, this isn't what good neighbours do," Salceda added.

Salceda noted that while the concerts boost Singapore's economy, the purported deal comes "at the expense of neighbouring countries, which could not attract any of their own foreign concert-goers and whose fans had to travel to Singapore".

More than 300,000 tickets have been sold for Swift's Singapore gigs, which run until Saturday.

ON HIGH ALERT:  
Philippine army



### Perv stabbed at laundrette

A PERV who tried to molest a woman in a laundrette got his comeuppance – when his would-be victim stabbed him to death.

Cops raced to the scene in St Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and found Nicholas Tranchant, 40 (below), unresponsive with a stab wound.

He was taken to a nearby hospital where he later died.

Tranchant, a known sex offender with prior convictions, entered the laundromat and "brandished a sharp weapon with the intent to sexually assault the female" – but she got it off him and turned the tables.







## Kate: crew laughed at sex scene!

BUSTY Kate Winslet revealed that cast members were sent off the set of her new drama because they were laughing so much at her SEX SCENES.

In *The Regime*, Oscar-winning Kate, 48, plays the dictator of an imagined central European state, who has an affair with her bodyguard Zubak (Matthias Schoenaerts).

While shooting intimate scenes can often be awkward for both actors and crew, Kate (above) confessed that they had the opposite impact on the set of the dramedy.

She said: "When we were shooting episode five, Elena and Zubak are having sex. And she's screaming at him, 'No biting, no biting!'"

"Two people had to be sent out for laughing – one of them was Alwin Kuchler, our cinematographer, and one of the hair and make-up people."

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## Bad hangovers down to COVID

BOFFINS at Stanford University interviewed people experiencing lingering symptoms months after recovering from a COVID infection and found all were self-reporting more extreme hangovers.

Based on the results, the scientists concluded: "New-onset alcohol reactions and sensitivity can occur after COVID infection in patients with long COVID."

They warned the virus and inflammation in the body may weaken the blood-brain barrier.

# IT'S THE TREND THAT'S SWEEPING CATWALKS



# Stunnnas have got it taped!

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**LAST week saw the death of fashion icon Iris Apfel, who was cruelly taken from us at the tender age of 102.**

Born in New York in 1921, Iris was an interior designer who refurbished the White House for six presidents.

Later in life, she captured attention through her colourful style – wearing irreverent, eye-catching outfits while mixing haute couture and oversized costume jewellery.

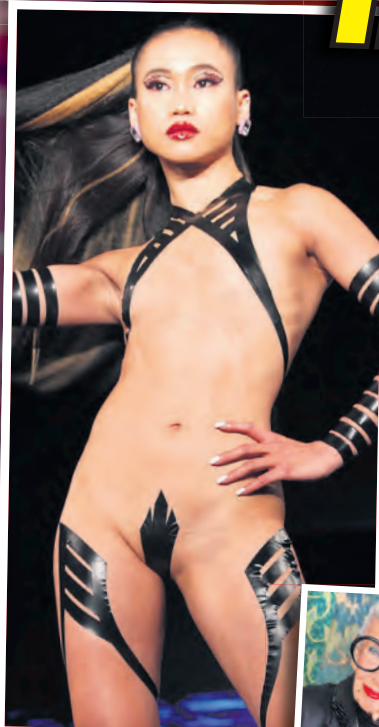
### Craze

And although Iris was known for dressing somewhat eclectically, even she didn't come up with the latest fashion craze – sticky tape!

During the recent fashion week events, catwalk models have been strutting their stuff while wearing just PVC tape on their boobs and fannies.

An onlooker said: "It looks sexy – but will it not rip all their pubes out when they take it off?"

"Ah, fully shaven, I expect."



ICON: Iris



**GEMMA HILES, 32E, FROM PRESTON, LANCs**





## Uncle Gary out to lose 'villain' tag

THE uncle of the Princess of Wales said he hopes to show his "fun, caring and devilish" side on *Celeb Big Bro* and not the "villain" he's portrayed as.

Gary Goldsmith (above), who is the younger brother of Kate Middleton's mum, Carole, made his debut on the revived ITV reality series on Monday with other TV stars.

The businessman, commentator and podcast host said he was using the experience to give the public an insight into who he is.

### Opportunity

"We all like to be liked... this is a great opportunity to show anyone who cares the 'real me' – the fun, caring and devilish 'me', not the villain I'm often portrayed in the press," the 58-year-old said.

"Also, as I fast approach 60, I want to say 'yes' to most things put in front of me."

His *Big Brother* appearance comes after a public court case in 2017, which saw Goldsmith fined and given a community order after admitting he assaulted his wife in a drunken argument in which she'd accused him of taking drugs.

## Third World folk happier than Britons

UZBEKISTAN is the only nation more miserable than Britain as the Dominican Republic tops the world wellbeing charts, a "worrying" global report has found.

The UK only ranked 70th out of 71 countries in terms of mood, outlook on life and self-esteem in 2023, scoring only 49 on the mental wellbeing score when the global average was 65.

But impoverished Third World countries scored highest, with the Dominican Republic ranking first and Tanzania third.

Researchers at US-based think tank Sapient Labs said the pandemic saw mental health plummet in the Western world and there is no sign of recovery four years on.

They have linked the lower mental wellbeing scores in affluent countries to multiple factors, including addiction to mobile phones, fast food consumption, the erosion of friendships and the family unit, plus the rise in working from home.

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# ALWAYS NO.1 FOR CELEBRITY BIG BROTHER



## Armed terror cops guard CBB house

# IT'S SUCH A TEMPTING TARGET FOR THESE LUNATICS



### ARMED cops are secretly guarding the *Celebrity Big Brother* in case terrorists target it for a "spectacular" attack.

With high-profile contestants including Fern Britton, Louis Walsh and Princess Kate's Uncle Gary Goldsmith taking part in the ITV show, producers feared the location could well be seen as irresistible for extremists.

A source told us: "Security is always tight around the *Big Brother* house, but in the past that has been to keep out people attempting stunts or just deranged stalkers."

"The international situation is different now. There are worries that the house could become a target for pro-Gaza demonstrators, which our security could easily deal with."

### Fear

"But the whole nation is on heightened alert at the moment and there is a fear that the house could be targeted by Islamist terror groups."

"Hitting a top-rated show would be a coup for them and the house would be a tempting

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target. We called in the police and they have provided assistance."

The *Big Brother* house has been at the centre of security scares before.

Last year, the house was locked down and the housemates ordered to remain indoors when the site was threatened by a security breach.

### Eviction

A man was believed to have attempted to fly a drone over the TV compound and film housemates ahead of the first eviction.

A *CBB* spokesperson said at the time: "We have very robust and rigorous security measures in place across our site for the safety of the *Big Brother* house, production team and Housemates."



NEW SERIES: Inside the CBB house



NEW ADVENTURE: Fern is in the house

# FERN SIGNS UP TO 'SPILL BEANS ON PHIL'



HOUSEMATE Fern Britton said she will be approaching the topic of Phillip Schofield (left) with "caution and kindness" during her appearance on the new *Celebrity Big Brother*.

TV star Britton, who presented *This Morning* alongside Brave Phil for eight years before exiting in 2009, said she had joined *CBB* looking for a new

adventure at the age of 66 and not to divulge information about her former co-star.

Schofield left *This Morning* last year after more than two decades, before admitting to an "unwise but not illegal" affair with a younger colleague and stepping down from ITV.

"Apparently I've signed up to spill the beans," Fern said.

"Well, right now, I can tell you that I think let's approach with caution and kindness. It's fair to say that towards the end we were not getting on."

### Tricky

Britton confirmed "things were tricky" before her exit from the daytime show after a decade at its helm.

"I haven't been on that show for 15 years. I don't know anything that's been going on since then."

"And so it would be very old views and not terribly interesting... but I did love *This Morning*... I absolutely loved it."

"I wasn't expecting to resign on the day I resigned. There's a lot of stuff that I have

obviously learned from and toughened up a bit. And it hasn't all been a breeze, but I don't regret, apart from if I'd put my mind to it, I could have done more."

Self-confessed "potty mouth" Britton has lived in Cornwall since splitting from TV chef Phil Vickery in 2020 after two decades of marriage.





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ALWAYS HOME OF TOPLESS BABES

**Brooke Wright**  
34D, from Hull



## Fake porn to destroy democracy

EVIL Vladimir Putin will use FAKE PORN in his bid to undermine western democracies, experts have warned.

The sly Russian President (*above*) plans to weaponise deepfake filth of aspiring female leaders in a high-tech effort to destroy their reputations and thwart "the system".

The Kremlin has already had success using AI-generated porn targeting female politicians in Ukraine, with the "sick" tactic serving as a method to weaken the West, a US official said.

"If I was Russia, I would be looking at using deepfake porn to undermine democracies and to upset the balance of power," said Nina Jankowicz, the former executive director of the US Homeland Security Department's disinformation task force. "And targeting women is a great way to do it."

"Russia deploys these in very strategic ways. They tear at the fabric, the vulnerabilities of society, the misogynistic tendencies."

"If you want to upset a candidate for office or a high-ranking military official, this is a good way to damage credibility."

## Bad night's sleep could kill you off

WAKING up in the middle of the night will kill you **STONE DEAD!**

Men who have a restless night are 20% more likely to develop prostate cancer, a study has revealed.

Researchers found that broken sleep patterns could be a major risk for the onset of the disease. Dangers soar in men who consistently stir for at least half-an-hour when the lights go off.

Prostate cancer affects some 50,000 men every year in the UK, and kills almost 12,000.

Experts at the US National Cancer Institute in Maryland analysed data on 30,000 British men who had taken part in studies where they wore a watch-like monitor to measure movements and sleep disruption.

None of the men had prostate cancer at the start of the investigation.

The results, published in *The Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, showed those recording 30 minutes or more of wakefulness in the night were 15-20% more likely to develop a tumour – because of a disruption to the circadian rhythm – on the prostate later in life.

# THE BUST tweets OF THE DAY!

**DON'T** you just love 'em! Celeb babes just adore flashing their bits on social media – and here's a selection of the hottest ones this week...



**ANNA RAMIREZ**



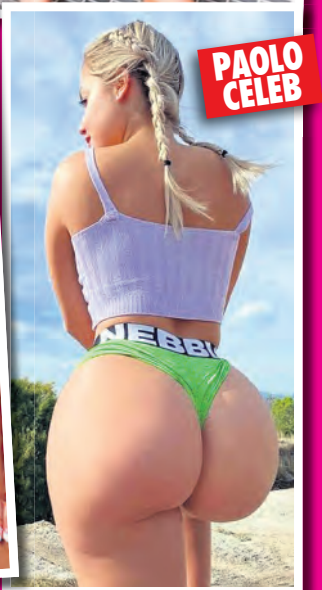
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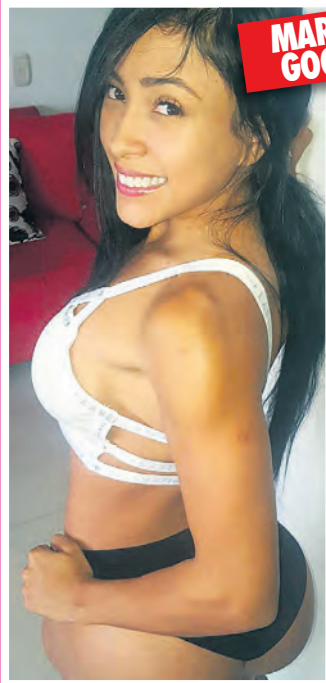
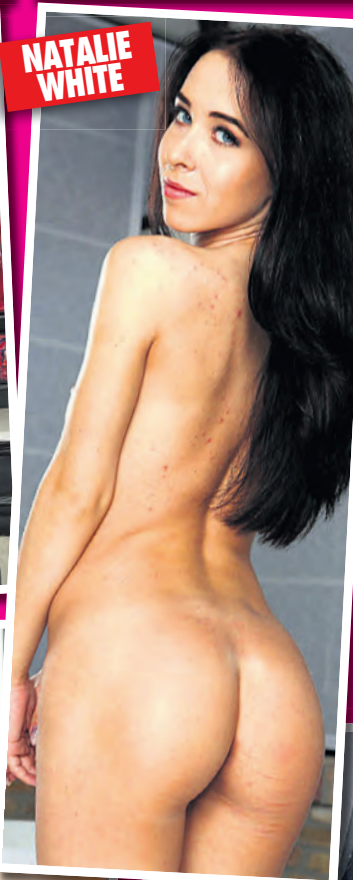


**VERONICA LEAL**



**PAOLO CELEB**

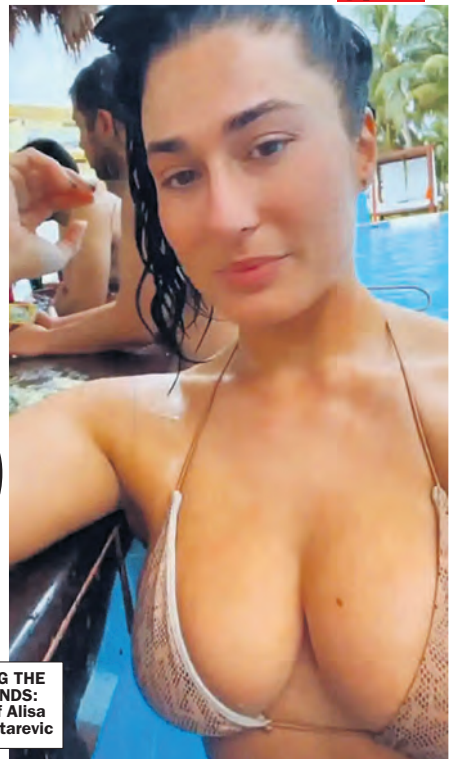


**MARIA GOOD****ARIELLA****JENNIFER LACE****NATALIE WHITE****RUBY ROSE****KATHY YOUNG**

## Female officer sues bosses...

# POLICE MATES COPPED A LOOK AT MY BIG BOOBS

DOING THE  
ROUNDS:  
Pic of Alisa  
Bajraktarevic



**A GIRL cop is suing her bosses, claiming her career has been derailed after a snap of her big boobs was repeatedly shared among her fellow officers.**

Alisa Bajraktarevic, 34, joined the New York police department in 2012 and sent the racy snap to Lt Mark Rivera, whom she dated for a few months that year, she said in her Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit.

Rivera allegedly shared the photo in a group text with other cops, and it spread like wildfire, but Bajraktarevic said union delegates urged her not to file a complaint.

"You are not the first or last woman this has happened to or would happen to," one allegedly told her.

The picture resurfaced in April last year, when Bajraktarevic was accused of interfering with cops who showed up while she was hanging out with her then-lover, accused drug dealer Kelvin Hernandez, 33, in the Bronx.

Cops at the time surrounded her car, prompting the couple to ask what was wrong.

Bajraktarevic denied her fella was selling drugs, while

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Hernandez – who was recording the officers – was charged with resisting arrest, according to his own ongoing lawsuit against the department.

Once word of the investigation spread, so too did the topless photo, which was shared in NYPD group chats and text message chains along with some personal

information such as her parents' address, she said.

"You do things in confidence. It doesn't warrant you being treated like a piece of shit," Bajraktarevic raged.

"It's bullying. I'm not the first and I'm definitely not the last but when is it going to be enough?"

Bajraktarevic was suspended for 30 days without pay and told to stop associating with her fella after an Internal Affairs probe.

## Gadgets 'send children blind'

**BRITAIN'S** pasty-faced couch potato kids will all go BLIND – because they don't get enough daylight.

Excessive screen time means youngsters miss out on vital natural light during formative years – with a potentially catastrophic long-term impact on their vision.

The world is already experiencing high rates of short sightedness, with an increase of 46% in the UK over the last three decades.

But figures have reached epidemic levels, with top eye surgeon Dr Joern Jorgensen warning it will only get worse.

Dr Jorgensen said that kids staying indoors on their devices and staring at phones and tablets a few inches away from the face, in a crucial window during puberty, means they are not getting sufficient dopamine.

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# TODAY'S THE DAY TO CELEBRATE OUR FAVOURITE

# CEREAL

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**WHETHER it's Corn Flakes or Coco Pops, a bowl of cereal is the best – and most popular – way to start your day.**

And today, the world marks Cereals Day. It's a little-known fact that Corn Flakes were invented by Will Kellogg, whose brother John Harvey Kellogg was a bit of a nutter.

John Kellogg reckoned his brother's invention would help people stop masturbating – which he believed caused illness.

Eventually, Kellogg went completely barmy and his ideas tended slightly to the Nazi.

But that's not put us off breakfast cereals. And we can guarantee these babes eating their cereal will certainly NOT stop you masturbating...

**HAYLEY SAMS, 32E, FROM BIRMINGHAM**

**SUMMER ST CLAIRE, 32E, FROM HORSHAM, WEST SUSSEX**



# BREAKFAST TREAT... THRILLERS!



**EMMA HARRIS, 34D, FROM LEEDS**



**TESS O'REILLY, 32E, FROM GATESHEAD, TYNE & WEAR**



**NATALIA FORREST, 34C, FROM HARROW, MIDDLESEX**



## Miss locked child, 3, in a cupboard

A TEACHER stuffed a three-year-old pupil in a cardboard box inside a locked cupboard and told the terrified tot that the Grinch was coming for him.

Alexis Breeden (above), the lead 3-K teacher at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy in Brooklyn, New York, was held and charged with unlawful imprisonment and endangering the welfare of a child after allegedly imposing the twisted timeout.

"There are no imaginable circumstances where this can be called anything but child abuse," said lawyer John Elefterakis who is working with the family of the child.

"This incident is extremely troubling, and we intend to fully investigate and force accountability."

A school nurse witnessed Breeden holding the handle of the storage cupboard door shut as a child cried inside, according to a complaint filed with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

Breeden, of Staten Island, was fired soon after the incident.

She's pleaded not guilty to charges of unlawful imprisonment and endangering the welfare of a child.

## Students get warning for round in pub

BUYING a round in the pub has been branded potentially "triggering" for snowflake students at a top university.

A warning was slapped on a sociology lecture about 'money and finance' which addressed topics including picking up bar tabs at the University of Manchester.

Undergraduates were given links to a uni-run emergency suicide helpline and counselling service in case the financial focus of the lecture was "too distressing".

And the lecturer gave a verbal warning before opening discussions to enable students to leave if they found the themes too upsetting, one attendee revealed.

One of the lecture's key focuses was the stress caused by buying a round at the pub – deemed to be an uncomfortable financial issue for cash-strapped students.

The lecture also dealt with inheritance issues, rising prices, and how to split bills.

Despite the warning, no-one chose to walk out.



#HOT'N'I



**B**USTY blonde Mia Middleton is a fan of MASTURBATING and says that it will take someone very good in the bedroom to tempt her away from her SEX TOYS.

The Northampton-born beauty much prefers a night in by herself so she can indulge in some self-loving.

And the 30DD stunna said a man would really have to know his way around her body to persuade her to swap her silicone cocks for the real thing.

She said: "I've been

enjoying my solo nights for a couple of years now, ever since I moved into my own place.

"I've got tons of toys – from vibrators to dildos – and I'll use them all if I'm feeling super horny!

"Now, when I say I'm staying in, the girls always know what I really mean.

"If a bloke did come along, he'd have to be seriously good in bed to tempt me away from my toybox... but I'm willing to give it a try!"

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**H O R N Y**

# VOLLEYBALL BULLY MISS LICKED OUT TEENAGE PUPIL

**CHARGED:**  
Jessica  
Finley also  
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a school  
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**A HIGH school staff volleyball coach faces sexual misconduct charges with a teen student.**

Jessica Patrick Finley, 29, was taken into custody and booked in the McDowell County Detention Facility in Marion, North Carolina.

It's believed Finley, who is also a school welfare counsellor, licked out and fingered the teenage girl.

In a statement, McDowell County Schools said Finley, who worked at McDowell High School, resigned from her position following the charges.

## Angered

Former pupil Stormey Greene, 18, who graduated from McDowell High last year, said she knew Finley well and is both shocked and angered over the criminal charges.

"I just knew she was a bully," said Stormey, who was never on the volleyball team but interacted with Finley and, for a time, said she lived with Finley and her family.

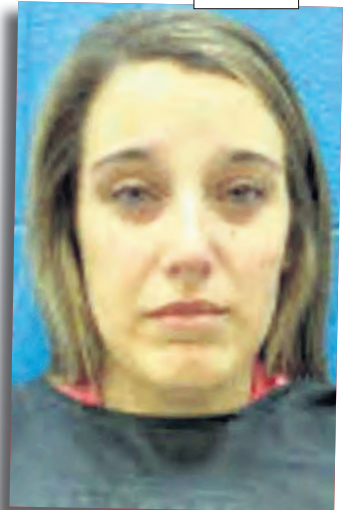
"I'm very angry with her."

Greene said she ended up residing with Finley after social service workers pulled her from her own parents' home because, she said, it was unsafe.

"They were drug addicts," said Greene.

She said Finley took her in and sometimes showed her love, but Greene said Finley was often angry.

Greene said she was never physically abused



by Finley but at times felt victimised. "She got me drunk one time and kept telling me to take another shot," Greene said, adding that she was 16 at the time.

"Mentally, it was very abusing, when we would argue. There were times she would get very loud with me."

"For sure, she never licked me out."

**LESSONS IN LOVE:**  
McDowell High



## Five dead in mass prison breakout

**THE world's biggest shithole became even worse when thousands of convicts were freed from jail by rampaging gangs.**

At least five people were killed following the coordinated attacks among different gangs in Haiti's capital city of Port-au-Prince, including an assault on the National Penitentiary where 4,000 killers, rapists, cannibals and other scoundrels fled.

A second prison in Port-au-Prince that holds another 1,400 inmates also encountered a jailbreak, and gangs took control of the country's top football stadium while internet service for many citizens was down due to a sliced fibre optic cable during the overnight spate of violence.

## 'NINJA' TURTLE MAN FACES JAIL

A MAN pocketed £100k from illegally selling "Ninja" turtles he shipped to Germany and Hong Kong.

John Kreatsoulas, 36, of Alva, near Fort Myers, Florida, pleaded guilty after being caught shipping wild-caught turtles through the Miami International Airport between 2015 and 2021.

The Omni Reptiles owner was shipping the terrapins both domestically and internationally and tagging them with fake codes that labelled them as captive-bred and not wild-caught.

Prosecutors said he and his co-conspirators "collected and captured various species of turtles" and then "falsified" forms.

Kreatsoulas (left) was convicted of conspiracy to traffic wildlife and falsifying records and will be back in court in May 17 to be sentenced.

He faces a maximum of five years in prison for each count.





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## Homeless get kicked out for new Will film

COPS forced homeless people out of a street because Hollywood star Will Smith wanted to make a movie there, it's been claimed.

Officers reportedly forced homeless people living in tents in downtown Miami, Florida, to pick up their things and move as the upcoming *Bad Boys 4* filmed there.

Police asked dossers and junkies to leave from their encampment when the cameras for the sequel, which stars Will Smith (above) and Martin Lawrence, started rolling.

"It's because of that new movie that's filming," hobo Matthew Williams told local reporters, while filling a bag with his few belongings as police looked on.

"They moved us on because we were too close to their set. They didn't want the fancy movie people from out of town seeing that the homeless exist here in Miami."

## NANNY STATE

COPS had to round up a herd of around 100 GOATS that ran amok in a town after they were accidentally freed from a wildlife park in Arlington, Texas.



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**It's that lovely time of year when we wave goodbye to winter...**

# SPRING IS IN THE BARE

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## FEEL that?

That's your sap rising. We're now in March, so officially we're in spring. It's therefore time to throw off the blankets of winter and go gambolling about in the daffodils and suchlike.

## Boost

Boffins agree that the lengthening days and warmer temperatures give us all a boost after the dark of winter.

And what better to put a spring in your step than by enjoying the next five pages of beauties pictured in the great outdoors in the altogether?

**Midweek Sport**  
**5-PAGE SPECIAL**



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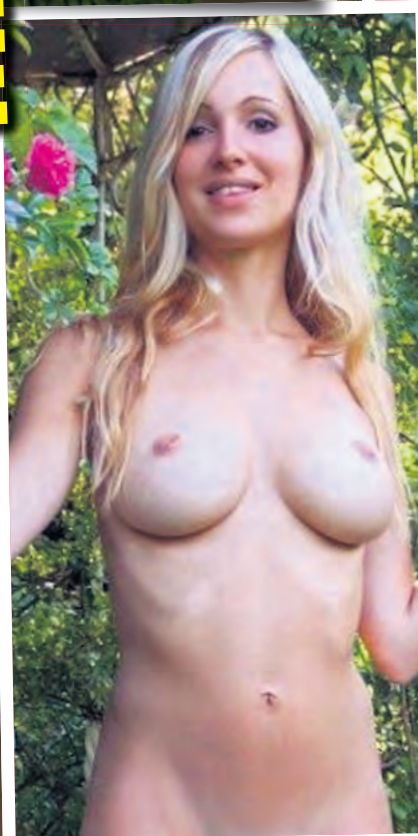


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# 'I want a wild night of action in a sex club'

## #MY SEX FANTASY

**IN my wildest fantasy I turn up to a sex club and straight away I put on a blindfold while a friend leads me into the main room.**

I am quickly stripped totally naked and strapped to a chair and I have no idea what I'm letting myself in for.

Strangers come up to me and start caressing me, and I can feel multiple hands all over my body – on my boobs and across my thighs.

Fingers slide in and out of my sopping pussy and I'm getting wetter and begging for more.

Next thing I know there is a hard cock in my mouth and I'm sucking away eagerly, while someone else is going down on me and another is licking my nipples.

I've lost track of how many hands are groping me.

My legs are spread apart and a man whose face I can't see enters me with his dick.

From a different direction I have another cock thrust into my mouth and a new person then penetrates my pussy.

This happens over and over while people are calling me 'a filthy slut'.

I don't know if I would ever have the guts to do this in real life, but it would be an amazing turn-on to go to a club where anything goes and I could really lose my inhibitions.

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# 'Onlyfans is not just a porno site'

Following its launch in 2016, OnlyFans has grown in popularity and welcomed creators and subscribers from all over the world.

Users are now able to make millions from sharing their content on it, and after first joining the company in January 2022 as chief strategy and operations officer, Keily Blair (*above*) took over as CEO in July 2023.

When asked if she would call OnlyFans a “porn site,” she said: “No... we’re a site that hosts adult content, but we also host a variety of other stuff. And a lot of the people who create adult content also choose to create other content – maybe yoga and naked yoga.

"Lots of people who are over 18 like sex, but they also like comedy, and sports, and music, so it's about being able to cater to our audience base and provide opportunities for creators."

"We don't want to categorise people... that's why I don't tend to use the P word."

# Don't feed the world, it's obese!

**DO-gooders sang “Feed The World” back in the Eighties, but things have gone too far...**

**Because the world is  
FATTER than ever.**

**New figures show that even in parts of the Third World, folk have gone from skeleton-thin to dangerously podgy.**

Now one in every eight people globally qualifies as obese, according to a new study published in *The Lancet*.

**As of 2022, more than one billion people were living with obesity across the world, according to researchers from the NCD Risk Factor Collaboration, a global network of health scientists.**

**And the number of obese adults has more than doubled since 1990.**

**Africans, South Americans and the Chinese have seen the biggest move from famine-skinny to tubby.**

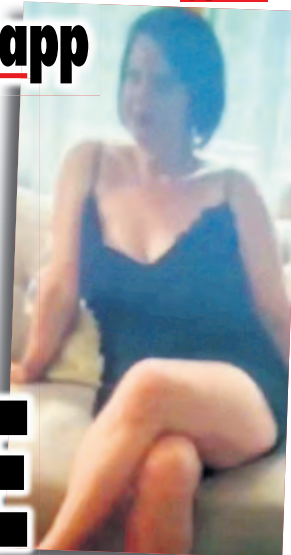
Among kids aged five to 19, the obesity rate has quadrupled, according to the World Health Organization, who said: "This study highlights the importance of preventing and managing obesity from early life to adulthood, through diet, physical activity and adequate care, as needed."

## Mum in custody case targeted on swingers' app

# LADY JUDGE BEGGED TO LICK MY MINGE



**UNDER  
REVIEW:**  
Judge  
Cynthia  
Lopez



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**WHEN Sidney Southerland appeared in a family court for a child custody hearing, Judge Cynthia Lopez had matters other than the case on her mind...**

The judge was fantasising about thrusting her tongue into the mum's meaty MINGE!

And Sidney was shocked when the judge later made an approach on swingers' dating app 3Fun.

Lopez stepped down from her role overseeing the child custody case after Sidney publicly accused her on TikTok of begging her for kinky lesbian action.

The mother-of-two, from New York's Bronx district, shared images of their exchange and of Lopez's profile — in which the both-ways judge says "guys should be stocky and endowed".

The state Office of Court Administration is now reviewing the issue and Judge Lopez has been moved from the child protective division to the juvenile delinquency division.

## Satisfied

Sidney speculated Lopez was slow-walking her custody case as she was trying to bed her and said she would not be satisfied until Lopez was entirely off the bench.

She said: "I believe after the New York State Office Of Court Administration does their investigation, Ms Lopez will be forced to resign as a judge."



**TARGET: Mum Sidney**

Meanwhile, Sidney said that she's been inundated with inquiries on the app.

"Out of around 1,000 messages, I've probably spoken to three normal people. I'm definitely not meeting up with anyone from that app, or any other social networks, because of the drama. I enjoy the conversations though — people are funny."



# Sydney's plan B: show boobs!



● **SEXY** Sydney Sweeney had a backup plan in case she never hit the showbiz big time — showing off her **HUGE** boobs!

The actress joked about her dreams while making her debut hosting American comedy show *Saturday Night Live*.

*The Euphoria* babe said she made her parents a PowerPoint presentation when she set out her career – with becoming an actress as plan A and “show boobs” plan B.

One fan said: "She became an actress AND showed her boobs!"

**BIG BOOB BABES!**



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**MIDWEEK Sport**  
**ALWAYS HOME OF TOPLESS BABES**

**N**AUGHTY Naomi Raine is a heatness freak at home, but luckily for her housemates she loves cleaning up in the NUDE. Naomi, from Greenwich, south east London, said that although she doesn't mind cleaning up her flat she prefers it when she's looking good.

And the 32D beauty saves her clothes from getting dirty by sweeping the floors in either some saucy lingerie or being completely naked.

She said: "I don't have a maid's outfit, but if you have to do something as unglamorous as cleaning the oven you might as well look good while you're doing it!"

"So I tend to cook and clean in lingerie. Sometimes I even do it in the nude!"

"When no-one is in the house it's really liberating."

"And I'm sure the neighbours have been given a good eyeful from time to time, too!"



naomi  
**RAINE**





# JUSTIN DUNN'S ROOM 101



**WHAT'S ANNOYING HIM THIS WEEK?**

## Give cops a break ...you'll need 'em one day!

**NOT all cops are arseholes.**

That Wayne Couzens cretin – the gingery but equally baldy perverted weirdo who kidnapped, raped and murdered Sarah Everard – was, on the other hand, an absolute arsehole.

And always will be. Reading some of the testimonies of his fellow officers this week is heart-breaking, though.

Because almost every single other person who joined the police service at the same time as Monster Couzens were utterly distraught by it.

Can you imagine?

It's hard enough to be a copper these days, not least because the Government has depleted your numbers to the point of, well, almost pointlessness.

That they've left you open to accusations of not giving a toss when the reality is you just don't have the numbers of legs on the streets to do it properly.

That your colleagues now include people smaller than the figurines outside theme park rollercoaster ride recommendations and their oversized hi-vis coats clearly don't fit.

That they're constantly hamstrung by ever-veering political correctness.

That they are shouted at from all sides.

And worried about coming home to find dog shit put through their letterboxes – or worse.

### Slagged

And when they're not getting slagged off by people on the street, they can instead look forward to tuning into the news and finding politicians helpfully slagging the police off there.

Politicians, remember, who actually set the rules for whatever the police can or cannot do in the first place.

It's true that nobody in their right mind wants the police to be involved in their lives.

It's not like they hand out winning lottery tickets, is it?

It's either someone is dead, or missing, or injured.

Or you've been up to no good but just been found out.

Or your recently stolen expensive car has just been found – but half of it is inside the skull of a gangster in the Midlands.

They are the dreaded school nit



**NOT ALL ALIKE:** Couzens (inset) is not the norm



nurse on stilts.

Nobody, but nobody, wants the police in their lives right up until that horrendous moment when they really, really do.

When it's OUR kid that's missing.

When there's a punch-up on OUR street.

When there's lots and lots of visitors to that supposedly empty house three doors down with the blacked out curtains.

Or when it's your widowed mum who's been ripped off by a fraudster posing as a "financial advisor" who "advises" her money into his own bank account.

The fact is, though, cops are the necessary evil of our society.

We need these men and women at our worst times.

### Controversy

Mistrust them all you like, but there is rarely anything more assuring than the sight and sound of blues and twos in moments of controversy.

And think about this – you probably know of someone who doesn't live very far away from you who's done something terrible.

Does that make YOU terrible, too? Of course not. And it's the same with the police.

Couzens was the exception, not the norm.

So give them a break.

Because you never, ever know when you're going to need one of them.

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## Overdose porn star donations

THE family of top porn star Emily Willis is asking for donations to help pay for her mounting medical bills, following a drug overdose last month.

Emily, 25 (above), was rushed from a celebrity rehab centre in Malibu on February 5 to a medical facility in Thousand Oaks, California, after she was found unresponsive.

She'd been staying at the facility to receive treatment for an unknown addiction.

Emily's family has set up a GoFundMe page to help pay for her hospital stay and recovery, which has now raised £10,600.

Her family wrote online: "The path to recovery stretches far ahead of her, requiring lots of care. The weight of this position extends beyond the emotional and physical – it bears down on us financially. With mounting medical bills and the necessity of travel, all while the regular flow of life's expenses continue.

"Every donation, no matter its size, will go directly towards easing these burdens, allowing us to devote our energy and resources to Emily's healing."

## Heads and body parts find in park

**COPS** who found two severed heads in a park, hours after other body parts were found nearby, reckon the grisly finds are the work of gangland killers.

One of the heads, as well as a right arm and leg, are believed to belong to the same female victim, while the other head and two arms appear to be from the same man, police sources said of body bits found around Southards Park in Babylon, near New York.

The man's left arm, at least, still had its tattoos on it but not its fingertips – which "could mean the victim has a record and that the perpetrators don't want him identified through prints because that could lead cops to his killer", a source said.

"These were brutal, vicious murders. The MS 13 gang has been known to hack up bodies with machetes," the source said of why police are eyeing the ruthless Central American-based gang.

"The bodies were also found near where the gang has committed other crimes," the source said.

"The medical examiner will determine how and what they were cut up with."

# HERE'S ONE FOR THE W\*NK BANK, LADS...

## DREW AND XTINA HAD

# SEX ON A PLANE!



CHAT: Drew (left) and Christina

## XTINA

**A-LISTERS** Drew Barrymore and Christina Aguilera have joined the Mile High Club – though sadly not together.

"Doesn't it feel wild? It's not the same," Drew told Christina after the two bonded over their separate sky romps.

### Elevation

While chatting on her talk show, actress Drew added: "If you are curious, like, 'Why are people doing it?' I'm telling you, elevation... it feels different. I can't recommend it more."

Drew then added an apology to American airline watchdog the Federal Aviation Authority,

By JO HALL [news@sundaysport.co.uk](mailto:news@sundaysport.co.uk)

laughing: "Sorry FAA!"

Pop star Xtina told Drew that she had mixed things up mid-flight "multiple" times, adding: "You have to – we spend a lot of time on planes."

The pair also bonded over how their daughters have used their racy pasts to push the boundaries with clothing choices.

Drew shared: "My daughter wants to wear a crop top, and I'll say, 'No,' and she'll say, 'You were on the cover of *Playboy*!'"

And Xtina said she knew it would come back to her the moment she wore chaps in her 2002 music video for *Dirty*.

She said: "My daughter wants to wear a crop top, too, and I'm just like 'Can we pull it down?'"

The 43-year-old said she tells her daughter "certain people out there have good intentions and bad ones".

Christina said she does not want to "scare" her daughter and have her "be afraid of the world" but added: "I think it's important for her to have a strong sense of self but also to be very empowered with her body."



COMPARING NOTES:  
Christina and Drew



# HEADMISTRESS ON SEX ASSAULT RAP



A SCHOOL headmistress is facing a charge of sexual assault for an alleged incident involving another member of staff.

Martine Mitton, 60 (left), was arrested and charged with sexual assault and one count of mischief.

Court documents show the alleged offences occurred in April 2023 and that Mitton is not allowed to contact the victim or visit any place they are known to frequent –

including their home or workplace.

No other information was provided in the documents, which are under a publication ban to protect the identity of the victim.

Mitton is listed as principal at St John Paul II School in Ottawa, Canada.

In an emailed statement from Ottawa Catholic School Board in response to questions about Mitton's charges, a spokesperson did

not name her but confirmed that one of the school board's staff members is facing charges "related to a staff related issue last year", and that the staff member in question is no longer working at any OCSB schools.

The spokesperson wrote that "the issue is not related to students and is based on an isolated incident that will be reviewed through the judicial process".

The school board did not

provide any further details.

Mitton's profile on the Ontario College of Teachers website says she received a Bachelor of Arts in 1985, a Bachelor of Education in 1986 and a Master of Education in 1994, all from the University of Ottawa.

The college also noted that Mitton completed an online sexual abuse prevention programme, that was made mandatory for all staff as of January 2022.



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*Page***Dear Ashleigh,**

I LOVE looking at pictures of stunnas on all fours with their pussy lips nicely spread, so I got my girlfriend to pose this way for some saucy snaps.

But as she pulled her fanny folds apart and thrust a couple of fingers into herself, my dick rose so fast that I had to toss the camera aside and f\*\*k her doggy-fashion without delay.

I couldn't believe how aroused I was and I pounded away for what seemed like an age, giving my girlfriend several orgasms until I finally shot my load deep inside her.

It was definitely the best shagging session we've ever had – but now that she knows the effect it has on me, she is always going down on all fours and finger-f\*\*king herself.

It works every time and it's not something to complain about, but now I am completely shagged out.

*LJ, Hants***Ashleigh says...**

**THERE** are thousands of fellas out there who would gladly swap places with you!

**Dear Ashleigh,**

I'VE been looking for a new house for a while. I went to my local estate agents and really fancied one of the women who works there.

She's a brunette with lovely tits and she was very flirty when I asked her to find me some suitable properties in my price bracket.

She showed me around a few houses and, when I tried it on, she was well up for it.

She had her tits out in an instant and I nibbled on her nipples before taking off her soaking thong. She sucked me off before I knobbed her doggy-style.

I now make appointments to see houses just so I can shag her. The problem is that she's finally shown me a house I really like, but if I buy it I won't get to see this bird any more because she's married.

*PK, Birmingham***Ashleigh says...**

**BUY** it and get a new woman to help decorate it.

**Cock of the north gave  
me a hole night of fun****Dear Ashleigh,**

I'M a London girl working in Lancashire for a few weeks and I've found out that northern guys know how to give a girl a good shag.

One night after work I joined the lads for a few drinks in the pub next to the office before going with them for a curry.

We ordered up the Cobra and ate a mountain of curry that the lads assured me would "leave my ring stinging" in the morning.

After I downed two pints I felt horny and decided to give the guys a thrill by whipping off my knickers and placing them on my side plate.

The lad opposite me got the

idea and slid under the table cloth to lick my dripping pussy.

When he'd come up for air, the second slipped his hand down and fingered me before licking his digits.

They were both up for it and we went back to my flat, where I let the pair of them roger me up the fanny and arse.

And they were right, my ring did sting in the morning – but not 'cos of the curry!

I'm due back in London soon but I'll miss my northern lads.

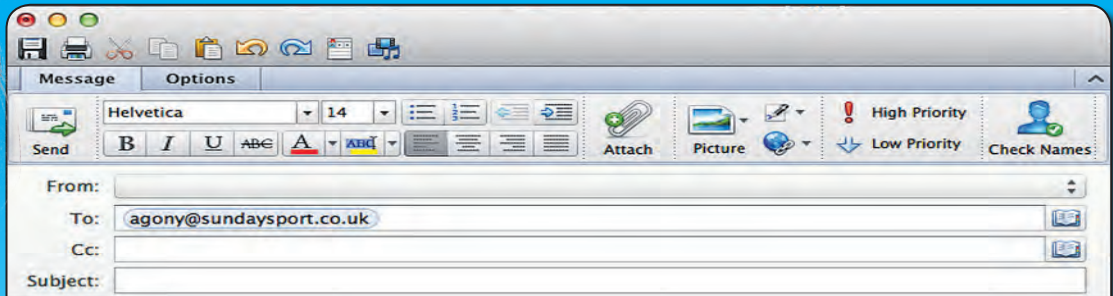
*JK, London***Ashleigh says...**

**GET** some more shagging done before you leave.

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# Lesbo romp gave me most powerful orgasm of my life

**Dear Ashleigh,**

**I'M a 21-year-old student and my fella's pestering me to have sex with a woman while he watches.**

It started a couple of months ago when I was on a night out with my course group and one of the girls came on to me.

At first I was a little taken aback as I have never been with another woman before – although I have sometimes fantasised about it.

But as the night wore on and I got more into it, the thought of it really began to turn me on.

And when she gave me a goodnight kiss, I was thrilled as she slipped her tongue in my mouth.

## Licking

It was as if the decision had been made for me and I was quite willing to go along with it.

My whole body tingled as her hands held my bum, pulling my pubic mound to hers.

The sweet taste of her mouth got my juices flowing so much that when she asked if I wanted to go back to her place, I didn't hesitate.

As soon as the door closed behind us she was lifting my top, sucking and licking my nipples as her hands fumbled with my zipper.

We moved into the living room, where

she pushed me back on the sofa and pulled down my jeans and panties.

I couldn't believe how wonderful it felt as she slowly spread my thighs and began fingering my pussy lips.

Then she leaned forward and teased my clit with her red-hot tongue.

Within minutes I was experiencing the most powerful orgasm of my life.

I've never been what purveyors of grot flicks would call "a squirter" – and I still don't count myself among their moist ranks – but the wetness of my womanhood was something to behold at that lusty moment.

Then it was the turn of my saphic sex buddy. I felt nervous as she slipped off her clothes right in front of me.

But as she revealed more of her gorgeous body it seemed natural to pleasure her in the same way.

My first taste of pussy was truly

amazing. I flicked my hungry tongue across her fleshy petals time and time again, before locating her clitoris and going to work on that with some relish.

We spent the rest of the night licking, sucking and f\*\*king each other – and have done several more times since.

She even did me up the wrong 'un with a strap-on, which left me howling in ecstasy.

But I made the mistake of telling my fella and he was angry – not for me cheating on him, but because I didn't let him watch.

Should I?

NL, Notts

**Ashleigh says...**

**WHY not? There's always the sexy fun of a threesome to explore.**

**Dear Ashleigh,**

**I'M a 19-year-old girl and I have been confused about my sexuality since I was 18 and still at college.**

I fancied boys but I also had feelings towards some of the girls in my class.

As a result, I never had any sexual experiences.

Last month I summoned up the courage to discuss it with some of my girl uni pals who are lesbians and they fixed me up with one of their crowd.

She was two years older than me and we hit it off straight away. I fancied her like crazy and we went back to her flat where we kissed and stripped before I fingered her to orgasm.

Then she did the same for me.

A few days later at a party I ended up talking to a great-looking guy who I'd seen in college but never spoken to.

I'd never realised that he fancied me, but when he kissed me I was overwhelmed with desire for him and let him shag me at my flat.

It was an incredible experience to have him thrusting inside me – and yet I still yearned for the tenderness of my new lesbo friend.

Should I surrender to girl love?

SW, Middlesex

**Ashleigh says...**

**YOU may swing both ways, so enjoy both types of loving for now.**

# I bonked hubby's client to keep orders rolling in

**Dear Ashleigh,**

MY husband has always been a bit of a computer nerd and studied hard to pursue his interest.

He became so good that he gave up a steady job with an insurance company and set up on his own, writing and selling his own software.

To seal his biggest deal yet, he invited a client round to our house one evening for a meal.

I rose to the occasion by cooking us all a chicken dinner with lashings of gravy.

And I even baked an apple pie, served up with custard, for afters.

We made sure our visitor was well supplied with booze and everything seemed to be going well.

Later in the evening though, I told my fella to show the business bloke a video on his mobile of us having sex that we'd made

for a laugh some time last year.

I would go to any length to land some business – and well up for it when he said the bloke had asked if he could hump me too!

And I have to admit I was also secretly aroused when I stripped naked for this total stranger in our home.

I let him give me oral for what seemed like hours until my fanny was dripping.

Then he shafted me hard and fast, making me cry out with passion.

Now my husband has asked me to shag the fella regularly to keep the orders coming.

What do you think?

CV, Herts

**Ashleigh says...**

**IF you're both comfortable with this arrangement, carry on and cash in!**

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# HOT 'N' HORNY



**S**EXY Sky Bee has a VERY active imagination.

The 32D cracker from Bristol said: "My most outrageous sex fantasy is any form of naughty action with a red-hot stranger."

"I'm a very sexual person, but in real life I tend to be picky and look for relationships, so I don't often hop into bed with a bloke."

"Which is why I fantasise like mad about throwing caution to the wind and getting it on quickly with

a total random. I masturbate and watch a lot of porn movies focussed on quick, easy, slutty sex – gangbangs, dogging, and the ones where a taxi driver picks a girl up and they go at it in a layby.

"I've never done anything that extreme in real life, but I once pulled a guy in a shop when I nipped in for a bottle of wine and fooled about with him down an alleyway!"



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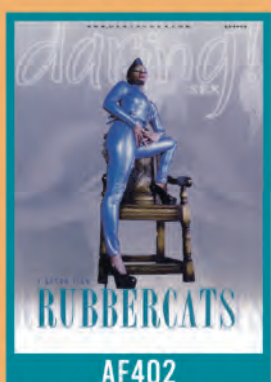


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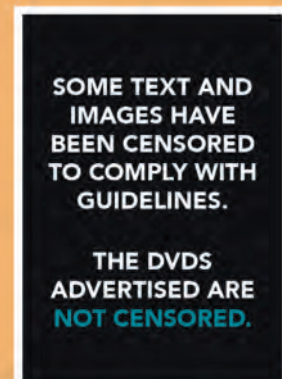
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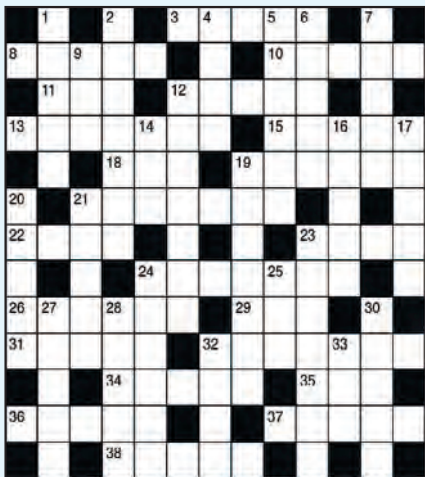
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19. Opportunity (6)  
21. Blunt or curt (7)  
22. Gratis (4)  
23. Curve (4)  
24. Smoker's device (7)  
26. Slumbering (6)  
29. Charged particle (3)  
31. Looks lasciviously (5)  
32. Still (7)  
34. Drained of colour (5)  
35. Afflict (3)  
36. Human trunk (5)  
37. Take dishonestly (5)  
38. Receive pleasure from (5)

### DOWN

1. Legendary king (5)  
2. Playhouse (7)  
4. Spoken or verbal (4)  
5. Cut a tooth (6)  
6. Country (5)  
7. To ape (5)  
9. Teacher's title (3)  
12. Religious devotion (7)  
14. Former French coin (3)  
16. Go in (5)  
17. Poor (5)  
19. Pillow (7)  
20. Liver, kidney, etc. (5)  
21. Beautiful girl (5)  
23. Below (7)  
24. Period of instruction (6)  
25. Pull with ropes (3)  
27. Spanish man (5)  
28. Rub out (5)  
30. Unwind (5)  
32. Brave man (4)  
33. Contend (3)



## SPORTDUKO



1. WHICH popular TV reality show launched on Monday night?

- a) *Dancing on Ice*  
b) *Celebrity Big Brother*  
c) *Ex on the Beach*  
d) *Love Island*

2. WHICH comedian sparked concern among ticket-holding fans after cancelling his latest show for emergency surgery?

- a) Roy Chubby Brown  
b) Frankie Boyle  
c) Michael McIntyre  
d) Ricky Gervais

3. WHAT did pop star Olly Murs dress up as to surprise his pregnant wife with a Greggs-themed baby shower party?

- a) Steak bake  
b) Vegan roll  
c) Donut  
d) Sausage roll

4. WHICH tech giant has been fined \$2billion for breaking EU competition laws and favouring its own streaming service over its rivals?

- a) Apple  
b) Google  
c) Amazon  
d) Microsoft

5. SUPERMARKETS have launched a legal claim worth tens of millions over allegations of price-fixing on what product, which saw shoppers overcharged for years?

- a) Bacon  
b) Wine  
c) Eggs  
d) Salmon

6. SHEFFIELD United suffered a 6-0 home thumping on Monday night at the hands of which rampant Premier League side?

- a) Liverpool  
b) Arsenal  
c) Manchester City  
d) Aston Villa

7. WHICH former Spice Girl received a "blood bath" video appeal from PETA as the organisation urged her to stop using leather goods?

- a) Posh  
b) Baby  
c) Scary  
d) Sporty

8. SCIENTISTS say low levels of what after an

infection might be the trigger for long COVID?

- a) Magnesium  
b) Oestrogen  
c) Iron  
d) Protein

9. WHICH entertainer revealed missing their former Comic Relief co-hosts was the reason they stepped down from presenting the telethon?

- a) David Tennant  
b) Zoe Ball  
c) Emma Willis  
d) Lenny Henry

10. THE boss of which supermarket blasted the Government and said that doing business in Britain is "like running up a downwards escalator with a rucksack on your back"?

- a) Asda  
b) M&S  
c) Tesco  
d) Waitrose

## ANSWERS

DOWN: 1. Midas; 2. Theatre; 4. Oral; 5. Teethe; 6. Syria; 7. Mimic; 9. Sir; 12. Worship; 14. Sou; 16. Enter; 17. Needy; 19. Cushion; 20. Off; 21. Belle; 23. Beneath; 24. Lesson; 25. Tow; 27. Senior; 28. Erase; 30. Relax; 32. Hero; 33. Vie; 36. Torso; 37. Steal; 38. Enjoy.

ACROSS: 3. Sorts; 8. Dishy; 10. Eyrie; 11. Die; 12. Wager; 13. Parasol; 15. Tie in; 16. Tor; 19. Chance; 21. Brusque; 22. Free; 23. Bend; 24. Lighter; 26. Asleep; 29. Ion; 31. Leers; 32. However; 34. Ashen; 35. All; 36. Torso; 37. Steal; 38. Enjoy.



# sam HUGGINS





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**S**TIFF-NIPPED saucepot Sam Huggins just loves wearing sussies! And the sexy undies item play a big part in the Brighton beauty's fave fantasy, which involves her being a secretary seducing her boss. Sam said: "One evening we are both working late in the office... I'd drop my pencil on the floor and

bend right over to pick it up, revealing a naughty glimpse of my stockings and suspenders. "He'd make a play for me, I'd be unable to resist his advances – because I'd secretly fancied him for ages anyway – and he takes me over the desk. "I'm attracted to dominant, go-getter types who know what they want and aren't afraid to get it!"



**Jenny  
McClain**  
36F, from Prague

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**J**ENNY loves blokes looking at her big boobs.  
She said: "I love walking down the street in a revealing top and seeing all the guys' eyes turn my way. "A proper feeling of power!"





**Sophie Parker**  
30G, from Birmingham

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## JOANNE LATHAM

WE wonder what it was about Joanne Latham that first caught the eye of Derby plumber Niall Campbell.

Wolverhampton beauty Jo boasts an eye-watering pair of 38DDs and Niall, 61, told us he never gets bored of ogling them.

He said: "Joanne has got to have been the fittest model on the planet ever. She's way better than those reality TV stars."

"It would make my day if you'd put a pic of her in the paper soon!"

Well Niall, knock yourself out, son!

## KATIE ORGILL

THIS sexy girl picture request of Katie Orgill is courtesy of hotel worker Alun Cartwright, from Torquay.

Alun, 56, said he's been a fan of the *Sport* since day one and has always had a soft spot for 36D scorcher from Worcester.

Alun emailed to ask for a pic, adding: "Katie is one of the most beautiful models of all time."

"She looks like the girl next door – until she gets her kit off!"







## SOPHIE STARR

TRAFFIC warden Phil Norman would happily turn a blind eye if Sophie Starr parked on double yellow lines.

Phil, 49, told us the Mersea Island babe is his ideal woman and said he'd let her off with a parking ticket every time – if he was lucky enough to run into her in their native Essex.

He said: "Sophie is out of this world – she's the sexiest girl I've ever seen."

"In my line of work I meet gorgeous women all the time, who try to use their looks to get out of parking tickets."

"But I never pay any attention, to be honest."

"But if Sophie had parked her car illegally, I think I would let her leave it there!"



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**ENGLAND ARE STILL PLAYING C**

# JONNNY BRINGS UP TON



## Bairstow delights in 100th Test appearance

**JONNNY Bairstow admitted becoming the latest member of England's 100 Test club means a "hell of a lot" after being joined by close family and friends to mark the occasion in Dharamsala.**

Bairstow is set to become the 17th Englishman to reach the prestigious milestone when the fifth Test against India starts on Thursday.

Several of his nearest and dearest, including mother, sister, partner and infant son, have flown out to celebrate alongside Bairstow, who recognises the magnitude of the occasion.

Unlike England captain Ben Stokes, who remarked of his own 100th Test being "just a number", Bairstow intends to embrace every moment in an emotional week.

"It means a hell of a lot," said Bairstow, well-known for wearing his heart on his sleeve. "Every young kid that sets out on a journey playing professional

**By NED TRUEMAN**

cricket wants to try and play 100 Test matches.

"You look back to 2012 when I made my debut at Lord's, if 12 years later you'd said I'd be playing 100 Test matches, you'd snap your hand off for one but also pinching yourself as well.

"It's great to have my family out here, it's an amazing place to come, they've come to some pretty cool places along the way as well. It's a special occasion for everyone who has been there on the journey.

"I'll be an emotional week. I'm proud, you know what I'm like, I'm an emotional guy – so get the tissues ready! It's a special week for me like it was a special week for Ben a few weeks ago."

Bairstow, who coincidentally registered his 100th ODI appearance at the same venue, made his Test debut in May 2012 and has gone on to enjoy several giddy highs in the whites as well as a few crushing lows.

He amassed the most runs by a wicketkeeper in a calendar year in 2016 and lit the touchpaper for

the Stokes-Brendon McCullum era with four jaw-dropping centuries in five innings in a stunning 2022.

But he had to rebound from a badly broken leg at the back end of that year while his place has seemed under relentless scrutiny. Having yet to pass 40 in four Tests in this series, there has been speculation he might be overlooked in the summer with Harry Brook to come back into the England side.

### **Forward**

As for whether he can cash in on his landmark appearance in England's final assignment on the tour of India, who took an unassailable 3-1 lead last time out in Ranchi, Bairstow was sanguine.

"It would be nice," said Bairstow. "Like in every game, you put your best foot forward."

"No matter what it is, I'll be going out there, chewing my gum, puffing my chest out and trying to have a good time with the other 10 blokes out there."

"Whatever the situation is, we'll be going out there with smiles on

our faces, like we have done in the whole series."

A chillier climate has greeted England in the foothills of the Himalayas and a couple of players were in their thermals in training on Tuesday morning, with conditions akin to the early English summer.

There has been speculation at England altering the balance of their bowling line-up, with the most recent match on this wicket in India's domestic first-class competition four weeks ago showing all 36 wickets fell to seam.

"I've probably batted the worst I have all trip," said Bairstow of his net session.

"But the whole trip I've been happy with how I've been moving, I've been in the zone the whole way."

England's last visit here was blighted by concerns about the outfield ahead of a World Cup group game against Bangladesh last October, but Bairstow is satisfied there will be no issues this time.

"The transition that has been

made to produce something like that has been amazing," Bairstow added. "It's absolutely stunning here."

Here, *Midweek Sport* looks at some of Bairstow's best moments as a Test cricketer.

### **SOUTH AFRICA V ENGLAND (JANUARY 2016, CAPE TOWN)**

Bairstow had a number of false dawns, including a sparkling 95 in his fourth Test against the same opposition. Four years and 18 Tests later, Bairstow had his first international hundred but it was worth the wait. This Test is remembered for Ben Stokes going supersonic but Bairstow was no shrinking violet and contributed 150 not out to a world-record stand of 399 for the sixth wicket. A couple of days before the anniversary of the death of his father David – a former England and Yorkshire cricketer – Bairstow junior cemented his spot as a Test regular. Afterwards, he said: "I was thinking of my dad, my grandfather, who passed away last year, and my family – that was for those guys."



# RICKET DOWN IN INDIA

BEEN A FAMILIAR SIGHT: Bairstow raising his bat to the crowd



## ENGLAND V SRI LANKA (MAY 2016, LEEDS)

Where else but Headingley should one of Yorkshire's favourite sons make his first Test ton at home? England were teetering on 83 for five against opponents who shocked them two years earlier. Bairstow riding to the rescue was a common theme in 2016 – his 1,470 runs remain the most by a wicketkeeper in a calendar year – and England never looked back after his swaggering 140 in 183 balls. Bairstow hit another hundred at Lord's with an unbeaten 167 as England romped to a 2-0 series win.

## SRI LANKA V ENGLAND (NOVEMBER 2018, COLOMBO)

An ankle injury sustained in a football warm-up had the knock-on consequence of Bairstow surrendering the wicketkeeping gloves for a few months to Ben Foakes. Restored to the side as a specialist batter for the final Test and into England's problem number-

three position, Bairstow defied Sri Lanka's coterie of spinners and peeled off a masterful 110. Upon reaching three figures, a red-faced Bairstow let out an emotional roar and later hit out at those who had "castigated" him for the nature of his injury. Bairstow's push up the order was short-lived but he helped England seal a famous 3-0 series whitewash.

## ENGLAND V NEW ZEALAND (JUNE 2022, NOTTINGHAM)

A career that had blown more cold than hot showed signs of flickering with a battling hundred in the previous winter's Ashes that effectively spared England another 5-0 defeat. A lack of role clarity could perhaps partially explain Bairstow's shortcomings but there was no second guessing what Stokes and McCullum wanted from him. Chasing 299 and with New Zealand resorting to bowling short, Stokes told Bairstow: "Don't even think about trying to hit one down. Hit it into the stands." Bairstow obliged in jaw-

dropping fashion with seven sixes in a 77-ball hundred which threatened Gilbert Jessop's long-standing record. After a run of low scores, Bairstow helped England over the line.

## ENGLAND V INDIA (JULY 2022, BIRMINGHAM)

With a run of indifferent scores currently – he is yet to reach 40 in India – it cannot be forgotten Bairstow established himself as the early poster boy for the Stokes-McCullum era. After his Nottingham heroics, he blitzed another mammoth century at his beloved Headingley before his magnum opus in this format in Birmingham. Fired up by Virat Kohli's sledging, Bairstow thumped 106 first time around in a Test rearranged from the previous summer. Then he and fellow Yorkie Joe Root put on an unbroken 269 as England eased to a national record chase of 378. Bairstow made an unbeaten 114, his sixth and final century of an astonishing 2022, where he averaged 66.31 before suffering an untimely badly broken leg.



NO MESSING: Jonny sorts out a Just Stop Oil protester



TOP TEAM: Paul Townend and State Man

## Bookies in a spin over Mullins aces

### CHELTEMHAM FESTIVAL – SIX DAYS TO GO!

CONSTITUTION HILL's Cheltenham Festival absence has left bookmakers fearing an avalanche of cash on State Man, with Willie Mullins' star two-mile hurdler now the overwhelming Champion Hurdle favourite.

Nicky Henderson's defending champion obliged as the 4-11 favourite on the opening day of the Festival 12 months ago and was expected to do the double – especially after showing his well-being at Kempton on Boxing Day in the Christmas Hurdle.

However, it was a different tale when next sighted at the Sunbury venue, where a disappointing gallop kick-started a chain of events that has seen State Man promoted to big-race favourite on the news the Seven Barrows superstar will be missing from the action in the Cotswolds.

BoyleSports are expecting State Man to also take Constitution Hill's place as the cornerstone of many punters' multiples for the Festival, describing the 10-time winner as the 'Irish banker' of the week.

"It looks like State Man will be the Irish banker for this year's Cheltenham Festival," said BoyleSports Brian O'Keeffe.

"He is now the shortest-priced favourite over the four days of the meeting after Constitution Hill was ruled out of the Champion Hurdle by Seven Barrows. "State Man isn't a bad result quite yet, Constitution Hill had him well covered last year and most punters weren't expecting anything different this year.

"We are expecting momentum and liabilities to start building behind him now pretty rapidly, especially if Ballyburn goes for the Supreme, as punters will likely latch onto the short-priced Willie Mullins treble on



GENIUS: Willie Mullins

Tuesday, with Lossiemouth in the Mares' Hurdle.

"It could be a long week for us if Tuesday doesn't go our way and we imagine that State Man will be an accumulator maker or breaker for a lot of people across the four days."

The only time State Man has tasted defeat in his last 11 runs was at the hands of Constitution Hill in last year's Champion Hurdle and bookmakers are now in no rush to take him on.

Paddy Power are one of the firms taking no risks by installing him as their 1-3 market leader – one of the shortest-priced favourites of the whole week.

"It is desperately disappointing news for racing fans who wanted to see possibly the greatest hurdler of our lifetimes at Cheltenham," said Paddy Power spokesman Paul Binfield.

"Hopefully we will see him back to his brilliant best sooner rather than later, but in the meantime State Man has taken his place at the front of the market as a very short-priced favourite and he now looks the one to beat – he has proven he is the best hurdler around bar one for the last couple of seasons.

"If there is any good news from today, then at least Paddy Power have been 'Non Runner Money Back' on the Champion Hurdle for quite a while, so at least punters will get their hard-earned cash back if they have backed Constitution Hill."



# SPORT ON THE TELLY

## WEDNESDAY

- **FOOTBALL:** Championship, QPR v West Brom — Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1930; Champions League, Sporting CP v Atalanta — TNT Sports TBC 1745; Manchester City v FC Copenhagen — TNT Sports 1 1930; Real Madrid v RB Leipzig — TNT Sports 2 1930.
- **SNODOKER:** World Masters Riyadh — Eurosport 1 1300 and 1800.
- **TENNIS:** The BNP Paribas Open — Sky Sports Tennis 1830; Sky Sports Main Event 1830 and 2230.
- **CYCLING:** Tirreno-Adriatico — Eurosport 2 1205; Paris-Nice — Eurosport 2 1445.
- **BASKETBALL:** NBA, Los Angeles Lakers v Sacramento Kings — TNT Sports 2 0330 (Thu).

## THURSDAY

- **FOOTBALL:** Europa League, match TBD — TNT Sports 2 1700; Match TBD — TNT Sports 1 1900; Match TBD — TNT Sports 2 1945; Match TBD — TNT Sports 4 2000; Europa Conference League, match TBD 1700.
- **CRICKET:** Fifth Test, India v England — TNT Sports 1 0330; Second Test, New Zealand v Australia — TNT Sports 4 2200.
- **MOTOR RACING:** Formula One, Saudi Arabian Grand Prix first practice — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports F1 1300; Second practice — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports F1 1645.
- **GOLF:** DP World Tour, Jonsson Workwear Open — Sky Sports Golf 1000; Sky Sports Main Event 1100; PGA Tour, The Arnold Palmer Invitational — Sky Sports Golf 1230.
- **DARTS:** Premier League Brighton — Sky Sports Main Event 1915.
- **RUGBY LEAGUE:** Super League, Hull KR v Warrington — Sky Sports Action 1930.
- **TENNIS:** The BNP Paribas Open — Sky Sports Tennis 1830; Sky Sports Main Event 2300.
- **CYCLING:** Tirreno-Adriatico — Eurosport 2 1205; Paris-Nice — Eurosport 2 1445.
- **BASKETBALL:** NBA, Dallas Mavericks v Miami Heat — TNT Sports 2 0030 (Fri); Denver Nuggets v Boston Celtics — TNT Sports 2 0300 (Fri).

## FRIDAY

- **FOOTBALL:** Championship, Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds — Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1900; Serie A, Napoli v Torino — TNT Sports 2 1930; Ligue 1, Nice v Montpellier — Ligue 1 2000.
- **CRICKET:** Fifth Test, India v England — TNT Sports 1 0330; Second Test, New Zealand v Australia — TNT Sports 4 2130.
- **MOTOR RACING:** Formula One, Saudi Arabian Grand Prix third practice — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports F1 1310; Qualifying — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports F1 1610.
- **BOXING:** Heavyweight, Anthony Joshua vs Francis Ngannou — Sky Box Office 1800.
- **GOLF:** DP World Tour, Jonsson Workwear Open — Sky Sports Golf 1000; PGA Tour, The Arnold Palmer Invitational — Sky Sports Golf 1230; Ladies European Tour, Aramco Team Series — Sky Sports Cricket 1830.
- **MOTOR CYCLING:** MotoGP, Grand Prix of Qatar first practice — TNT Sports 2 1100; Second practice — TNT Sports 2 1515.
- **RUGBY LEAGUE:** Super League, Leigh v Leeds — Sky Sports Arena 1930; Castleford v Huddersfield — Sky Sports Mix 2000; St Helens v Salford — Sky Sports Action 2000.
- **TENNIS:** The BNP Paribas Open — Sky Sports Tennis 1900; Sky Sports Main Event 2230.
- **CYCLING:** Tirreno-Adriatico — Eurosport 2 1205; Paris-Nice — Eurosport 2 1445.
- **BASKETBALL:** NBA, Cleveland Cavaliers v Minnesota Timberwolves — TNT Sports 2 0030 (Sat).

## SATURDAY

- **FOOTBALL:** Premier League, Manchester United v Everton — TNT Sports 1 1100; Arsenal v Brentford — Sky Sports Premier League 1700; Sky Sports Main Event 1730; Championship,

Cardiff v Ipswich — Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1200; Scottish Cup, Aberdeen v Kilmarnock — BBC One Scotland 1215; National League, Southend v Dagenham — TNT Sports 1 1700; Serie A, Bologna v Inter Milan — TNT Sports 2 1715; Genoa v Monza — TNT Sports 1 1945; LaLiga, Valencia v Getafe — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 1300; Granada v Real Sociedad — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 1730; Girona v Osasuna — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 2000; Bundesliga, Werder Bremen v Borussia Dortmund — Sky Sports Football 1730; Ligue 1, Lens v Brest — TNT Sports 3 2000.

• **CRICKET:** Fifth Test, India v England — TNT Sports 1 0330; Second Test, New Zealand v Australia — TNT Sports 4 2130.

• **RUGBY UNION:** Six Nations, Italy v Scotland — ITV 1330; England v Ireland — ITV 1620.

• **MOTOR RACING:** Formula One, Saudi Arabian Grand Prix — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports F1 1655.

• **GOLF:** DP World Tour, Jonsson Workwear Open — Sky Sports Golf 1030; PGA Tour, The Arnold Palmer Invitational — Sky Sports Golf 1300.

• **HORSE RACING:** Sandown Park and Wolverhampton — ITV4 1330.

• **MOTOR CYCLING:** MotoGP, Grand Prix of Qatar third practice and qualifying — TNT Sports 2 1045; Sprint race — TNT Sports 2 1530.

• **RUGBY LEAGUE:** Super League, London v Wigan — Sky Sports Action 1455; Catalans Dragons v Hull FC — Sky Sports Action 1725.

• **TENNIS:** The BNP Paribas Open — Sky Sports Tennis 1900; Sky Sports Main Event 2000.

• **CYCLING:** Tirreno-Adriatico — Eurosport 2 1225; Paris-Nice — Eurosport 2 1415.

• **BASKETBALL:** NBA, Los Angeles Clippers v Chicago Bulls — TNT Sports 2 2100.

## SUNDAY

- **FOOTBALL:** Premier League, Aston Villa v Tottenham — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Premier League 1200; Liverpool v Manchester City — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Premier League 1500; Scottish Cup, Celtic v Livingston — Viaplay Sports 1 1430; Ligue 1, Paris St Germain v Reims — TNT Sports 1 1200; Strasbourg v Monaco — TNT Sports 3 1400; Lille v Rennes — TNT Sports 3 1600; Marseille v Nantes — TNT Sports 4 1930; Serie A, Lecce v Verona — TNT Sports 3 1130; AC Milan v Empoli — TNT Sports 1 1400; Juventus v Atalanta — TNT Sports 1 1700; Fiorentina v Roma — TNT Sports 1 1930; LaLiga, Alaves v Rayo Vallecano — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 1300; Las Palmas v Athletic Bilbao — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 1515; Real Madrid v Celta Vigo — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 1730; Real Betis v Villarreal — LaLiga TV 2000; Bundesliga, VfL Bochum v SC Freiburg — Sky Sports Arena 1430; Eintracht Frankfurt v Hoffenheim — Sky Sports Arena 1630; Bayer Leverkusen v Wolfsburg — Sky Sports Football 1830.

• **CRICKET:** Fifth Test, India v England — TNT Sports 1 0330; Second Test, New Zealand v Australia — TNT Sports 4 2130.

• **RUGBY UNION:** Six Nations, Wales v France — BBC One 1420.

• **GOLF:** DP World Tour, Jonsson Workwear Open — Sky Sports Golf 1030; PGA Tour, The Arnold Palmer Invitational — Sky Sports Golf 1300; Ladies European Tour, Aramco Team Series — Sky Sports Cricket 1830.

• **MOTOR CYCLING:** MotoGP, Grand Prix of Qatar — TNT Sports 2 1615.

• **TENNIS:** The BNP Paribas Open — Sky Sports Tennis 1800; Sky Sports Main Event 2200.

• **CYCLING:** Tirreno-Adriatico — Eurosport 2 1205; Paris-Nice — Eurosport 2 1400.

# ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING

BURROWS  
EDGE

# IT'S HALL TO PLAY FOR AT CATTERICK

By MIKE FRANCIS

**BURROWS HALL could hardly have been more impressive when winning at Catterick last week and is backed to complete a quick course and distance double.**

Sue Smith's seven-year-old hails from a fantastic family, with siblings Burrows Park, Burrows Diamond and Burrows Edge all registering multiple victories.

Having hinted at ability himself in bumpers, Burrows Hall took well to hurdling last season, getting off the mark in April with a comfortable Carlisle success.

He looked to be continuing on an upward curve when returning to action this term with placed efforts at the Cumbrian track and Doncaster but then let down odds-on backers when blundering at the last here over the Christmas period.

Connections clearly felt a bit more schooling was in order, as Burrows Hall had a couple of months away from the track before making all in fine style, with Nick Scholfield able to ease his mount down after being more than 10 lengths clear at the final furlong.

Despite stepping up in trip, more forceful tactics really seemed to suit the gelding that day.

He picks up a 7lb penalty



SUE SMITH

for that triumph but has the scope to cope in the Best Odds Guaranteed At Vickers. Bet Handicap Hurdle now everything appears to have clicked into place.

My Gift To You heads into the Every Race Live On Racing TV Novices' Handicap Chase in good form and has proven before that he can carry a big weight to victory.

James Owen's charge scored over fences and hurdles before putting in another solid effort when tackling the bigger obstacles at Southwell last month, coming home second despite a couple of costly errors.

Useful amateur Alex Chadwick will take off a valuable 7lb here and it is hard to see My Gift To You not being there on the next start.

Irish raider Lily Du Berlais is taken to make light of a long absence in the racingtv.com Mares' Novices' Hurdle. Stuart Crawford's eight-

year-old was a Grade Two bumper winner a couple of years ago and although yet to get off the mark over timber, she has performed with credit in some hot contests in Ireland.

Having finished second to Jetara at Navan and Fun Fun Fun at Leopardstown, the daughter of Shirocco was far from disgraced in graded affairs won by Corbetts Cross and Irish Point.

Lily Du Berlais has not been seen since pulling up at Fairyhouse last April but appears to have been found a nice comeback race.

Haston Clermont was just a nose away from completing a hat-trick at Chepstow last time out and gets the nod in the Download The Raceday Ready App Handicap Chase.

## Gentle

The seven-year-old won't mind any cut underfoot and remains a progressive young sort with plenty of scope.

At Fontwell, Jonjo O'Neill's Isocrate now looks ready to break his duck in the Sky Sports Racing Sky 415 Maiden Hurdle.

Following a couple of gentle outings in decent company at Chepstow, the six-year-old began to show his true worth when just failing to reel in Victoria Milano at Sandown.

Time To Dazzle confirmed the promise of a fair second at Uttroter when powering clear for a convincing victory here last month and can double up in the Sky Sports

Racing HD Virgin 519 Handicap Hurdle.

Worldwide Fury is fancied to make a winning debut under rules for David Pipe in the At The Races App Expert Tips Open National Hunt Flat Race.

A half-brother to Grade One scorer Fury Road, he fetched £150,000 at the sales last April after landing an Irish point-to-point triumph in testing conditions.

On the all-weather at Kempton, Wake Up Harry is proving a fine flagbearer for Brian Toomey and can hopefully keep his good run going in the Unibet Proudly Supporting Women In Racing Handicap.

After quickening up well to win two of his last three races, the six-year-old should not be inconvenienced by dropping down in distance.

Media Shooter has taken well to this track.

Everything suggests another bold bid can be expected in the Unibet Zero% Mission Handicap.

## SELECTIONS

**CATTERICK:** 2.15 Foveros, 2.45 My Gift To You, 3.15 Lily Du Berlais, 3.45 Haston Clermont, 4.15 BURROWS HALL (NAP), 4.45 Percussion.

**FONTWELL:** 2.00 Tuscan Rose, 2.30 Teescomponentsyess, 3.00 Isocrate, 3.30 Time To Dazzle, 4.00 Copper Cove, 4.30 Worldwide Fury.

**KEMPTON:** 4.24 Maysong, 4.55 Sitcom, 5.30 Wake Up Harry, 6.00 Bora Bora, 6.30 Media Shooter, 7.00 Revision, 7.30 Swiss Rowe, 8.00 Rogue Dream, 8.30 Delvey.



# Chandler ready to face boys in green

## ENGLAND ACE READY TO HALT IRELAND'S GRAND SLAM BID



UP FOR IT:  
Chandler  
Cunningham  
South

**CHANDLER Cunningham-South is relishing every minute of the Six Nations storm as he prepares to play a part in England's daunting clash with back-to-back Grand Slam chasers Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday.**

Cunningham-South's gamble in leaving New Zealand, where he had lived since the age of four, to return to the UK two years ago has paid off handsomely with his ascendancy to the full England squad for the first time this year.

His debut off the bench in the opening win over Italy, and subsequent appearances against Wales and Scotland, have appeared to make the Harlequins flanker an integral part of head coach Steve Borthwick's plans.

"It has been a really big step up for me and I think I have done all right," said Cunningham-South. "I think I am the youngest in the squad and I have been taken under a few people's wings. I like it. Especially when

### RUGBY UNION

we were up in Edinburgh getting off the bus – all the heckling and yelling. That sort of stuff motivates me and gives me an extra bit of energy.

"Twickenham is awesome to play at. You don't actually realise how big the stadium is until you are on the field looking up. It seems to not stop. It was awesome – so loud, so passionate, a real cool place to play."

Cunningham-South, who was born in Sidcup, decided to head back over to England to pursue rugby after finding his opportunities limited in New Zealand.

### Stuck

But he admits he had big moments of doubt after arriving in the midst of the Covid pandemic and finding himself struck down with the illness more or less immediately.

"I got the opportunity over in England and it all happened pretty quickly," he added. "It was a weird time because I was stuck inside for 18 days with Covid and I was like, 'Did I make the right decision?' But once I



READY TO GO:  
Marcus Smith

had got rid of the Covid and got into training I knew I had done.

"I suppose it's not meant to be easy. Moving over at that age I was a little homesick at first, but when you are working hard and having fun with new friends it gets pushed to the back of your head and I have been loving every minute of it."

Cunningham-South initially joined the London Irish academy in 2022, representing England in the under-20 Six Nations in the same year, before moving on to Harlequins when Irish folded due to financial issues.

His swift ascent up the England ranks was confirmed when he came off the bench in the narrow opening win over Italy and Cunningham-South believes he is beginning to reap the benefits of his big career decision.

"I needed to develop a lot and that's why I wanted to be a part of an academy set-up," he added.

"And there was a definite mindset switch – what it takes to be a professional is very different to when you are playing uni rugby. I didn't realise how much detail goes into the professional game. It was a

bit of a shock, but it's been good."

Marcus Smith and Alex Mitchell have returned to the England squad.

Harlequins fly-half Smith is yet to feature in this year's championship due to a calf issue, while Northampton scrum-half Mitchell twisted his knee in training after starting the victories over Italy and Wales.

The pair linked up with head coach Steve Borthwick's group last week for a three-day training camp in York ahead of the final two rounds of the Six Nations, and were named in a 36-man squad to face Grand Slam-chasing Ireland at Twickenham.

Exeter wing Immanuel Feyi-Waboso, who scored a try as a replacement in Saturday's 30-21 Calcutta Cup loss to Scotland, has also been included after missing the training camp due to having a medical exam at Exeter University which had to be completed face to face.

England, who must beat Andy Farrell's reigning champions to remain in title contention, conclude the tournament against France in Lyon on March 16.

## SPORT QUIZ

1. What nickname do Luton and Stockport share?
2. Which Wimbledon champion did Emma Raducanu beat during her run to the fourth round at the All England Club in 2021?
3. Britain's Holly Bradshaw won an Olympic bronze medal in 2021 in which athletics discipline?
4. In which year did Newcastle last win the FA Cup?
5. Severn Stars compete in which sport?
6. Who are Ferrari's two main drivers for the 2024 Formula One season?
7. How many PDC world titles did Phil Taylor win?
8. Shane Warne captained which county cricket side?
9. What is the only golf Major that Rory McIlroy has not yet won?
10. Who was the last non-European man to win a grand slam singles title in tennis?
11. Which Englishman won the World Snooker Championship between Dennis Taylor in 1985 and Steve Davis in 1987?
12. Name the manager of Women's Super League side Liverpool.
13. For which club does Scotland winger Duhan van der Merwe play his club rugby?
14. US horse racing's Triple Crown comprises the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and which other race?
15. Which England cricketer has been nicknamed the "Burnley Lara"?
16. Who captained Leeds to FA Cup final victory over Arsenal in 1972?
17. Which Briton won a bronze medal in the men's javelin at the 1993 World Athletics Championship?
18. Who coached England Roses to netball gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games?
19. In which city are NHL side the Bruins based?
20. In which event did British athlete Molly Caudery become World Indoor champion over the weekend?

ANSWERS: 1. The Hatters; 2. Marketa Vondrová; 3. Pole vault; 4. 1955; 5. Netball; 6. Carlos Sainz and Charles Leclerc; 7. 14; 8. Charles Leclerc; 9. The Masters; 10. Juan Martin Del Potro; 11. Joe Johnson; 12. Matt Beard; 13. Edinburgh; 14. Rugby; 15. James Stakes; 16. Billy Anderson; 17. James Bremner; 18. Mick Hill; 19. Boston; 20. Women's pole vault.



## THIS WEEK IN SPORT HISTORY

- 1883: The inaugural Home Nations Championship, the forerunner of the Six Nations, ended with England beating Scotland to clinch the title.
- 1905: Hull KR's George West scored a record 11 tries in a rugby league match against Brookland Rovers in the Northern Cup (now Challenge Cup).
- 1936: Scottish double-world motor racing champion Jim Clark was born in Fife. Winner of the Formula One World Championship in 1963 and 1965, he was killed while racing at Hockenheim in Germany in 1968.
- 1967: Third Division QPR pulled off a shock 3-2 win over West Brom in the first League Cup final to be played at Wembley.
- 1976: John Curry added to his Olympic gold medal by winning the men's title at the world figure-skating championships.
- 1991: Runcorn Highfield's dismal record of 75 matches without a win ended when they beat Dewsbury. Their run – the worst in rugby league history – went back 28 months, during which time they had five coaches.
- 2005: The Football Association announced plans to scrap fifth and sixth-round replays in the FA Cup for teams still involved in Europe, ideas which were later shelved.
- 2010: An independent appeal committee dismissed Stade Français prop David Attoub's appeal against a 70-week ban for gouging. The offence occurred in a Heineken Cup match against Ulster.
- 2012: Andre Villas-Boas left Chelsea, with Roberto Di Matteo appointed interim manager until the end of the season.
- 2013: The Danish Football Association announced it would not consider striker Nicklas Bendtner for international selection for six months after he was arrested for drink-driving.
- 2018: Fiorentina captain Davide Astori died aged 31 following a "sudden illness".
- 2020: Tottenham midfielder Eric Dier climbed into the lower tier of the West Stand at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and confronted a fan, who was alleged to have been arguing with his brother, after the FA Cup penalty shoot-out defeat to Norwich.
- 2022: Australia great Shane Warne, one of the finest bowlers of all time who revived the art of leg-spin, died aged 52 following a suspected heart attack.

# ARSENAL AND CITY FOCUS

# GUNNERS ARE REAL DEAL NOW

## Jorginho: We've learned from last year's Premier League heartache

**JORGINHO believes relentless Arsenal are approaching the Premier League title race with more maturity than last season.**

The Gunners were top of the table for a total of 248 days last term before ultimately slipping behind Manchester City in the run-in.

Pep Guardiola's men are again in the running this time, with the holders sandwiched between leaders Liverpool and Arsenal as the season enters the final straight.

Just two points separate the table-topping Reds and third-placed Gunners, who ran amok at sorry Sheffield United in a 6-0 Monday mauling.

"The performance of the squad (was great) and the mentality to start strong and carry on the momentum," Jorginho said.

By PAUL THOMAS

"It was really, really good to see a team playing forward and want to keep going."

Asked what is different about the team this year compared to the one that just fell short last season, the Italy international added: "I think the maturity."

"We are way more mature how we compete and how we manage the games. I think that's it."

That mentality led Mikel Arteta's side to race out of the blocks, racking up a five-goal lead quicker than any away side in Premier League history – Declan Rice making it 5-0 in the 39th minute.

Ben White's second-half thunderbolt completed the rout, scoring the club's 10,000th goal on a night they became the first English league side to win three consecutive

away games by five or more goals.

"We are pleased that we are doing all this good stuff, but we need to carry on," Jorginho said.

"Because if we just think 'oh yeah, nice, it's done'... no, we just need to put your head down and keep pushing, being humble and keep going."

### History

"We need to not be just happy for what we are doing. Of course, we are happy but we want to keep being happy."

"So, to be like that we just need to keep pushing and working hard."

Arsenal's seventh Premier League win on the bounce pushes shambolic Sheffield United further towards an immediate return to the Championship.

The Blades also made history on Monday, becoming the first English side to lose three consecutive home

league games by at least a five-goal margin.

It was the kind of performance that raises questions over Chris Wilder's future but the United boss says it only strengthened his drive to rebuild his boyhood club.

"It cements it," he said. "As far as I'm concerned in a way I'll wake up tomorrow and it'll strengthen my resolve to get this right because it's a big job, we understand that."

Meanwhile, Ruben Dias admits City cannot rely on experience alone as they bid to repeat last season's stunning treble success.

The champions moved back within a point of Premier League leaders Liverpool with a 3-1 derby win over rivals Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

That sets up a huge showdown with the Merseysiders at Anfield next weekend and they face the other team in the title race, Arsenal,



# S IN ON THE BIG PRIZE



**SENIOR MAN:**  
Jorginho wants  
to lead Arsenal to  
the Premier title



**KEY MAN:**  
Elliott

## United done four admits Fernandes

**BRUNO** Fernandes admits it is "going to be hard" for Manchester United to qualify for the Champions League after Manchester City's "individual quality" led to an 11th Premier League loss of the season.

An unbeaten start to 2024 came to an abrupt halt at home to Fulham last weekend and, having edged past Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup, was compounded by another league defeat on Sunday afternoon.

Marcus Rashford put unfancied United into a shock lead at the Etihad Stadium, only for fabulous Phil Foden's brace and a stoppage-time Erling Haaland strike to seal City a 3-1 derby win.

"Obviously we're disappointed," skipper Fernandes said after the defeat. "I think we could have got something from the game."

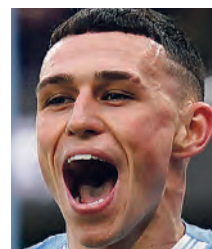
"I think the effort from the team was there. Everyone tried really hard to get the result today, but it wasn't possible."

"I said at half-time I felt that the team was doing everything we could to defend our box."

"We know that at moments we had to defend deep and be together and be compact and help each other."

"We did it but obviously I think today the difference was the individual quality from the players of City that made them win this game."

The gulf in quality was clear to anyone watching, although under-fire boss Erik ten Hag believes the



**SUPERSTAR:** Phil Foden

gap would be closer if United were not beset by injuries.

Such issues have undoubtedly hurt the Red Devils in a second season to forget for the Dutchman, whose side are an eye-watering 19 points behind Premier League leaders Liverpool with 11 matches remaining.

If that was not bad enough, Ten Hag's side are facing an uphill battle even to secure a return to European football's top table.

United sit sixth, 11 points off fourth-placed Aston Villa and six points behind Tottenham – who have a game in hand – in fifth spot, which could yet be enough for Champions League qualification.

"We need to look forward," Fernandes said, as attention now turns to the Saturday lunchtime encounter with embattled Everton.

"We don't depend only on ourselves to get in the positions we want. We're not hiding from that."

"We want to be in the Champions League, we want to try until the end of the season to get into that fourth place."

"That gives you the possibility to be in the Champions League, so we know it's going to be hard, but we have to do everything that is on our hands that we can do."

"Going to the next game at home, we know that our fans will be there again, over and over again."

"They're being behind us, they push us and next game we have to go there and win that game."



**FIRED:**  
Dias

later this month. While they will also hope to progress in the Champions League and FA Cup, City's track record could be a significant – but Dias insists there is far more to it.

The City defender said: "Every new year it is a new challenge and every new year we must overcome what we've done before."

### Winners

"Even though what's done is done and it's beautiful, we know if we want to do it again we've got to go strong and deep again."

"We are the same people. We are the same players being treble winners or not, that's why we became treble winners last season. That's why we want to win again."

City dominated the derby but

the first half proved a frustrating experience after Marcus Rashford fired United into an unexpected lead with a stunning strike in the eighth minute.

It was not until after the break Pep Guardiola's side were able to turn the game around with two superb goals from the outstanding Phil Foden while the irrepressible Erling Haaland added a late third.

Guardiola hailed Foden, who has scored 18 goals this term, as one of the best players in the Premier League after the game and Dias could understand why.

The Portugal international said: "I must agree he's one of them for sure. He's always been special, he keeps on being special."

"It's no surprise for me and for all of us in the team and in the world of football. I'm very happy

for him and let's allow him to continue."

"He's got a special ability. That's why he's Phil Foden and that's why we all recognise the kind of player he is."

City are next in action when they host FC Copenhagen in the second leg of their Champions League last-16 tie on Wednesday, a game they go into with a 3-1 aggregate lead.

Dias wants to get that assignment out of the way first before switching his attention to the battle with Liverpool.

He said: "The derby was important. Obviously it was a special one for us, but more than anything else it's the three points and we move forward."

"Now Champions League, focus on the next one, that's the most important. Then we'll focus on next weekend."

**PRESSURE:** Erik Ten Hag



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## CAM FOCUSED ON TOP SPOT

CELTIC defender Cameron Carter-Vickers vowed to focus on what they can control after a weekend where refereeing decisions sparked headlines.

The champions lost the chance to go top of the table after Rangers were beaten at home by Motherwell on Saturday.

Celtic remain two points behind Rangers, but Carter-Vickers offered perspective as the league gets set to break for Scottish Cup quarter-finals.

He said: "It was disappointing that we didn't get the result that we wanted to. But, all in all, I think we can be proud of the performance that we gave. We created a lot of chances, even when we went down to 10 men.

"So, yeah, I think there are a lot of positives that we can take from it. Whether we won that game or not, what we have to do for the rest of the season is pretty clear. We will just focus on that."



SHAKE-UP:  
Carter-Vickers

# ALONSO SAYS NO

## Following Klopp too much for Xabi

**XABI Alonso looks set to snub Liverpool and stay in Germany with Bayern Munich.**

The Reds have the Spaniard at the top of their list to replace Jurgen Klopp who will leave at the end of this season.

But reports in Germany suggest Alonso is wary of

By JOHN ANTHONY

following such a legendary figure into the Anfield hotseat.

He can point to David Moyes who struggled when he followed Sir Alex Ferguson into Old Trafford.

It could be a similar fate for whoever follows Klopp given the job he's done at Anfield. Alonso looks to be

steering Bayer Leverkusen to the Bundesliga title ahead of Bayern.

And insiders say there has already been talks between the Spaniard and the Bavarian giants.

The job of taking Bayern back to the summit of German football will be much easier than trying to fight off Manchester City with Liverpool. Although

Alonso won the Champions League with Liverpool, he won three titles playing for Bayern between 2014 and 2017.

It could see the Reds turn to Brighton gaffer Roberto De Zerbi although Benfica gaffer Ruben Amorim is also in the running.

They are both 5-1 with the bookies with Alonso still 4-5 to end up at Anfield.



BUYING BAYERN:  
Xabi Alonso

